

INDIAN ECHOES

1955







INDIAN ECHOES '55



Our high school days are over for the class of 1955. From this school building we will each go in a different direction, each planning for his future. Many will go on to college, some will go to the armed forces and some will begin working. Each is doing something different, yet we all are seeking the same goal---the future.

We may never be together again so we have prepared this annual so that we can remember our wonderful days together in high school. This annual presents the parties, the athletic events, plays, concerts and other happy moments. We have compiled events which will make us smile and events which will make us think of the fun we had in Spirit Lake High School.

INDIAN ECHOES STAFF



We, the class of '55, salute Mr. Orr and the Board of Education, for their tireless efforts toward the bettering of Spirit Lake Consolidated Schools. As the backbone of our system, they work long hours regulating and planning for the advancement of today's youth and tomorrow's citizens.

**GAY ORR
SUPERINTENDENT**

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FRONT ROW: Ed. Hutchinson, George Jeck, Milo Chozen. BACK ROW: Gay Orr, Johnny Chalstrom, (Not pictured, Edward Kennedy.)





We commend Mr. Poe, our genial principal on ably filling his position. Although new to the small office in the boys' hall, he has directed us with an unwavering hand.

A student seeking counsel will always find understanding and a calming influence in Mr. Poe.

We also pay tribute to the faculty who has directed our efforts and encouraged our progress.

ELLSWORTH POE PRINCIPAL

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Jeanette Trei, Lyle Gatch, Mary Hulverson, Hazel Baird, Mary Dixon, Fred Meyer, Joan Williams, Richard Bowen, Elwood Truman, Lorimer Olson, John Webb, Jack Oxenreider, James Gentry, Ellsworth Poe, Merritt Parsons.





Frances Oxenreider
Secretary



Rena Stransky
Bookkeeper



Alice Reeves
Nurse



Lois Miles, Irene Morgan, Fern Hauchins, Lois Lynn; Lunchroom.



Kenny Bell, Duane Osborne, Herman Schumacker, Melvin Khuse;
Custodians

They cleaned up after us, Kept a record
of us, Saw that we were healthy, And
even fed us. Not only for this do we
thank them, but For always being ready
to do just A little bit more than their job
called for.



FALL



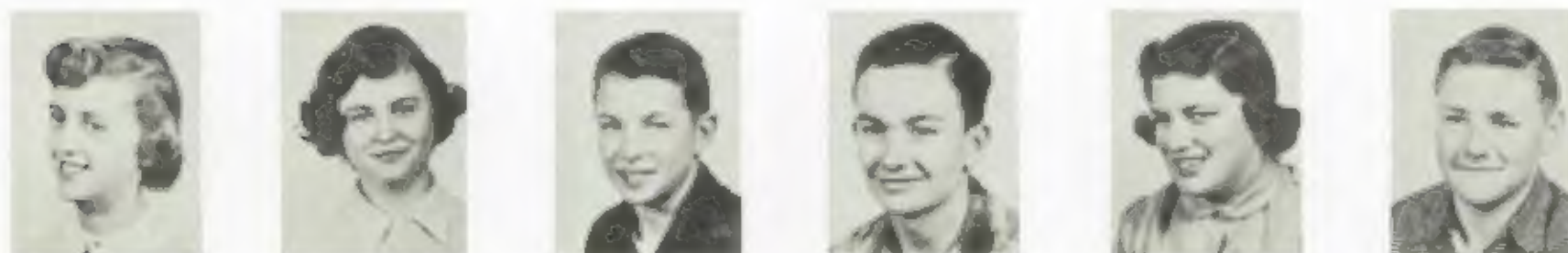
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Karen Bohn, Perry Bradshaw, Judy Bruhn, Sharon Bruns, Connie Bush, Nancy Cain.



Rollie Chozen, Floydine Clinton, Neil Cowell, Marliss Coyer, Raymond Deel, Mike Eads.



Shirley Ellis, Karen Epperson, Gary Fox, Jimmy Fries, Vivian Gatch, Eldon Gilbert.



Marlene Hagedorn, Ronnie Hagedorn, Bonnie Hawks, Susan Hillary, John Hillard, Wayne Hotchkiss.



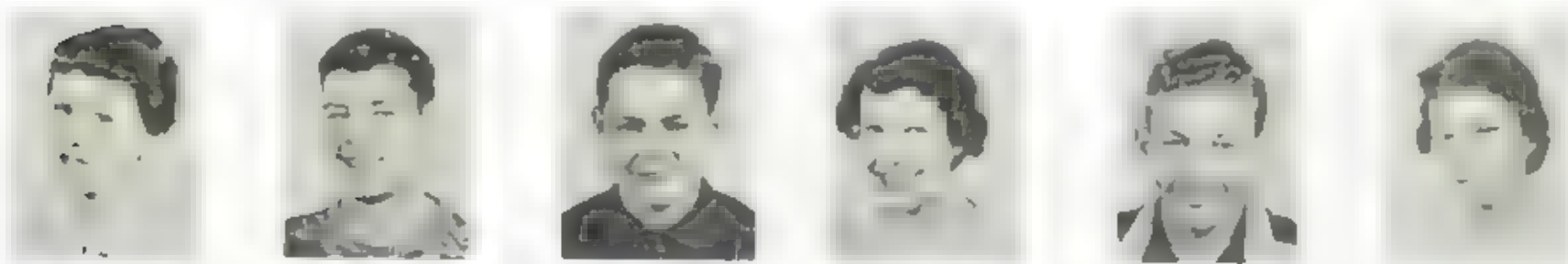
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Jim Kennedy, Larry Kilts, Ronald Koranda, Stanley Lloyd, Joyce Marr, Stanley McCann



Jim McRunnels, Jerry Miller, Karen Moritz, Lois Northey, Delmar Phillips, Rose Pieper.



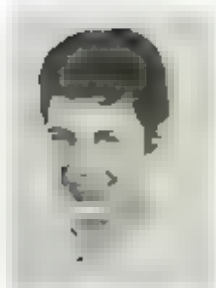
Martha Rose, Harlan Schmidt, Donald Schomaker, Susan Snyder, Bob Soat, Sherre Stoller.



Paul Swanson, Celia Swede, Rhonda Tatro, Margie Umscheid, Gerald Underwood, Leland Van Houten.



Bruce Vodraska, Sherre Weaver, Stephen Weed, Vera Wilson, Vernon Wittler, Gary Worthington



Carol Wyatt.



CLASS OFFICERS: BACK ROW: Jim Kennedy-President, Victor Jones-Vice President, Mike Eads-Treasurer, Perry Bradshaw-Sgt. at arms. SEATED: Sherrie Stoller-S.A.C., Janet Hutchinson-Secretary.

FRESHMEN PARTY

On the first day of school our Freshmen were honored at an initiation party sponsored by the Student Council. Fine music was provided by a four piece band organized by Mr. Olson. Besides dancing, games were played and refreshments served. Everyone seemed to enjoy the party, especially the Seniors.

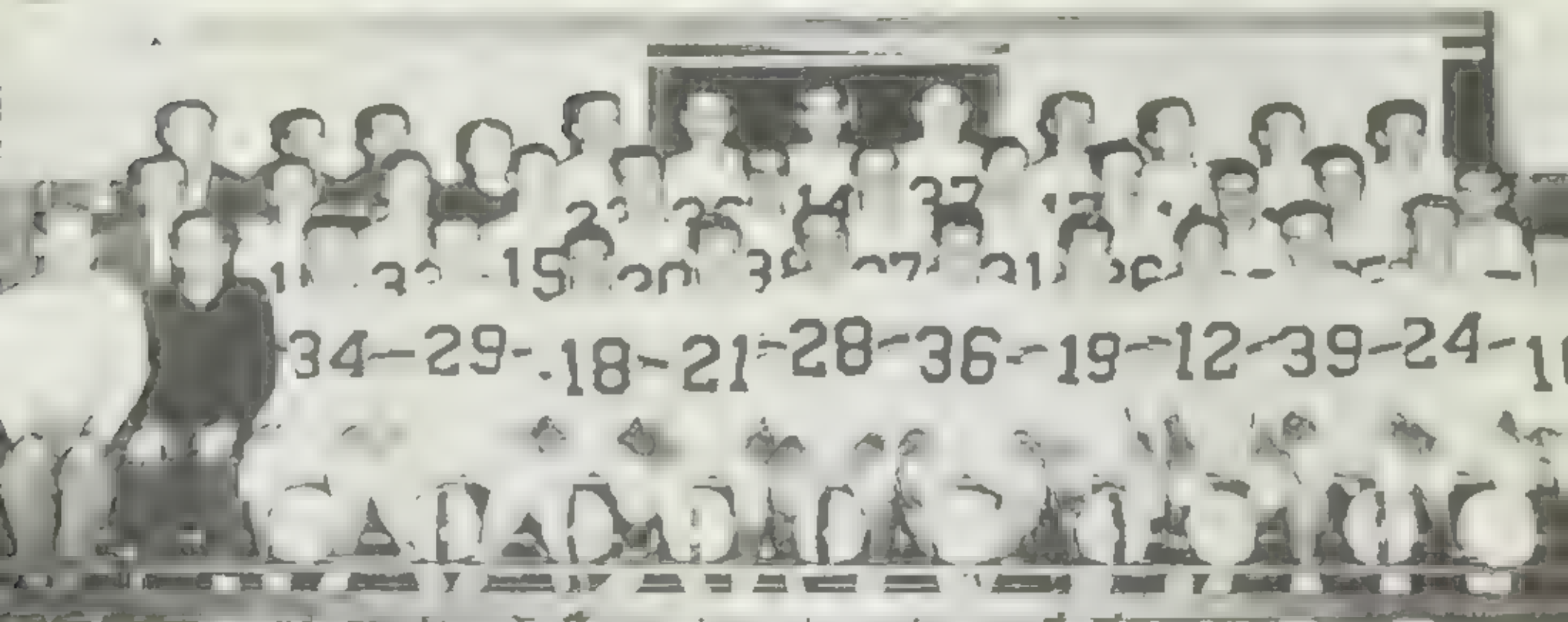


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ROW ONE: M. Parsons, J. Oxenreider, coaches, J. Gustavson, J. Stover, M. Lennox, J. Kennedy, C. Radtke, E. Arthur, D. Yarnes, M. Fronk, B. Phelps, B. Eads, H. Schmidt. ROW TWO: D. Bowen, coach; V. Jones, B. Albers, W. Goodman, L. Hedges, E. Parsons, R. Wyatt, T. Edwards, T. Terrell, D. Hoffman, B. Kanenborg, L. Jones. ROW THREE: J. Vint, T. Renstorf, R. Koranda, N. Carwell, J. Avery, I. Gustavson, L. Goetsch, D. Borten, D. Ashmore, J. Kennedy, P. Bradshaw, G. Worthington.

1955 FOOTBALL

Spirit Lake 0 Milford 20

Due to short practice schedule and lack of experience, the Indians lost their opening game to Milford. For many of the Indians it was their first game and they were out-matched by the superior Milford Pioneers.

Spirit Lake 6 Emmetsburg 7

It rained all day as the Indians opened their conference season. Emmetsburg scored early in the game after recovering a Spirit Lake fumble. Spirit Lake then proceeded to outplay the E'Hawks in every department, yet they lost.

Spirit Lake 0 Cherokee 31

After a fine performance the preceding week, the Indians fell to a speedy Cherokee outfit. It was a dazzling display of speed by Cherokee, speed which the Indians couldn't match.

Spirit Lake 13 Sheldon 13

The Indians finally showed a sign of offense and defense. The game featured many nice runs by Spirit Lake and a defense which stopped the highly favored Sheldon team.

Spirit Lake 6 Storm Lake 37

Spirit Lake couldn't stop Storm Lake's powerful back-field. Determined to wreck Spirit Lake's homecoming, Storm Lake displayed power and spirit which could not be matched by the Indians.

Spirit Lake 0 Spencer 44

From the starting moments Spencer displayed power which had the Indians baffled. Not until the late minutes of the first half did Spirit Lake show any sign of life, but it was to no avail. It was the most exhausting battle of all year for the Indians as they fought desperately against the superior Spencer team.

Spirit Lake 6 Sibley 21

The opening half saw the Indians playing one of their better games of the year. At the half it looked like quite a battle would progress and that possibly the Indians might win. Sibley displayed all of their teamwork and the Indians went down to their seventh defeat.

Spirit Lake 7 Estherville 14

It was the last game of the season and the Indians compiled all the spirit and strength they could, but still went down in defeat. It was one of the best games of the season and it was no disgrace to bow before the champions.





Clarence Radtke



Jim Avery



John Kennedy



Bill Eads



Jim Gustavson



Ronnie Wyatt



Bob Phelps



Ed Arthur



Bob Albers



Don Booton



Earl Parsons



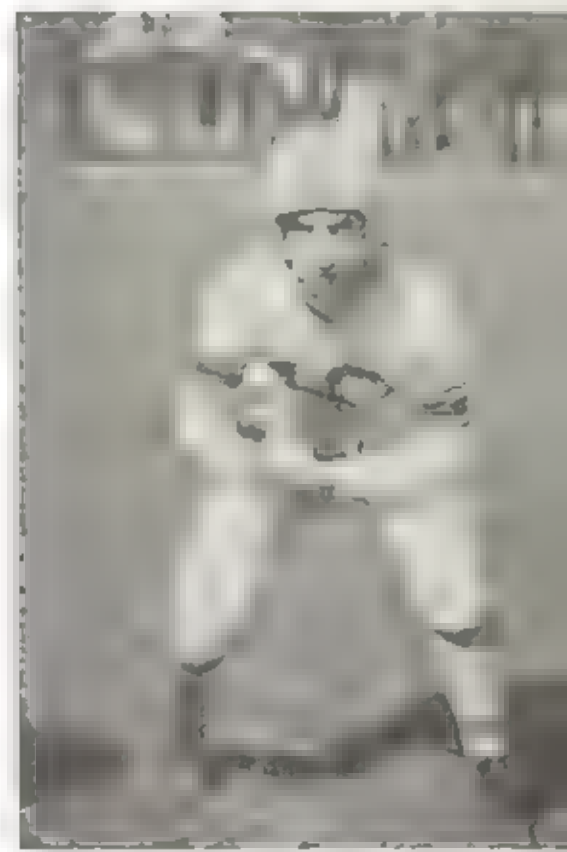
Merv Fronk



Jerry Stover



Wayne Goodman



Lynn Hedges



Ivan Gustavson



Jerry Vint



Dick Yarnes

HOMECOMING



Sherrie Stoller
Freshman Attendant



Ardell Rodenberg
Sophomore Attendant



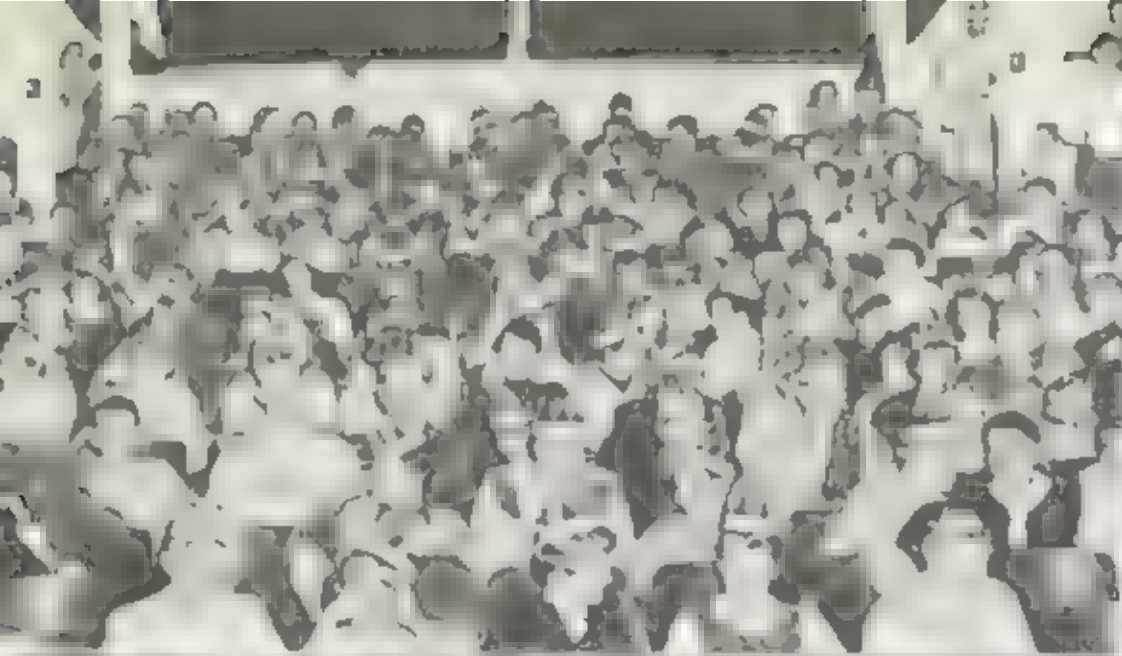
**Gwen Beauman
Homecoming Queen**



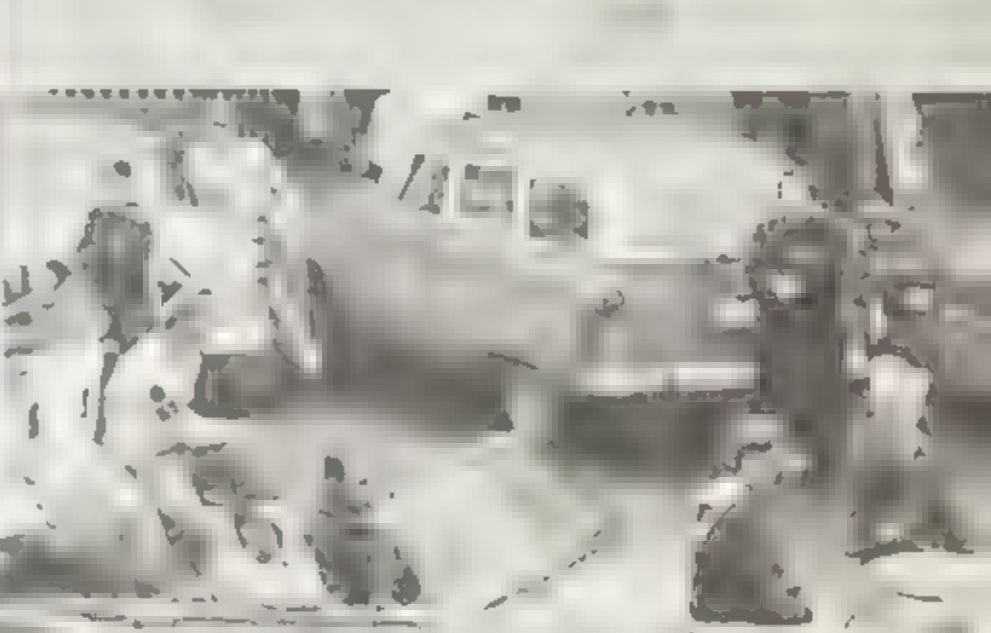
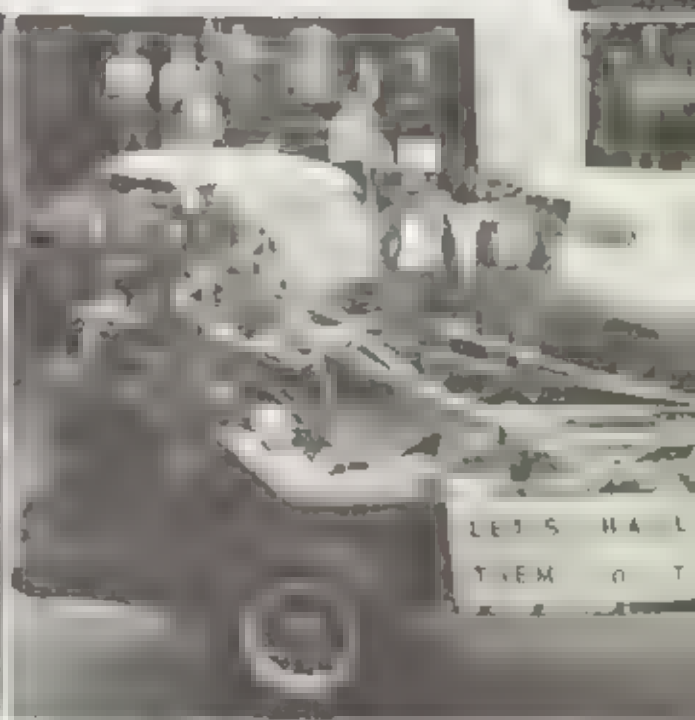
Marilyn Anderson
Junior Attendant



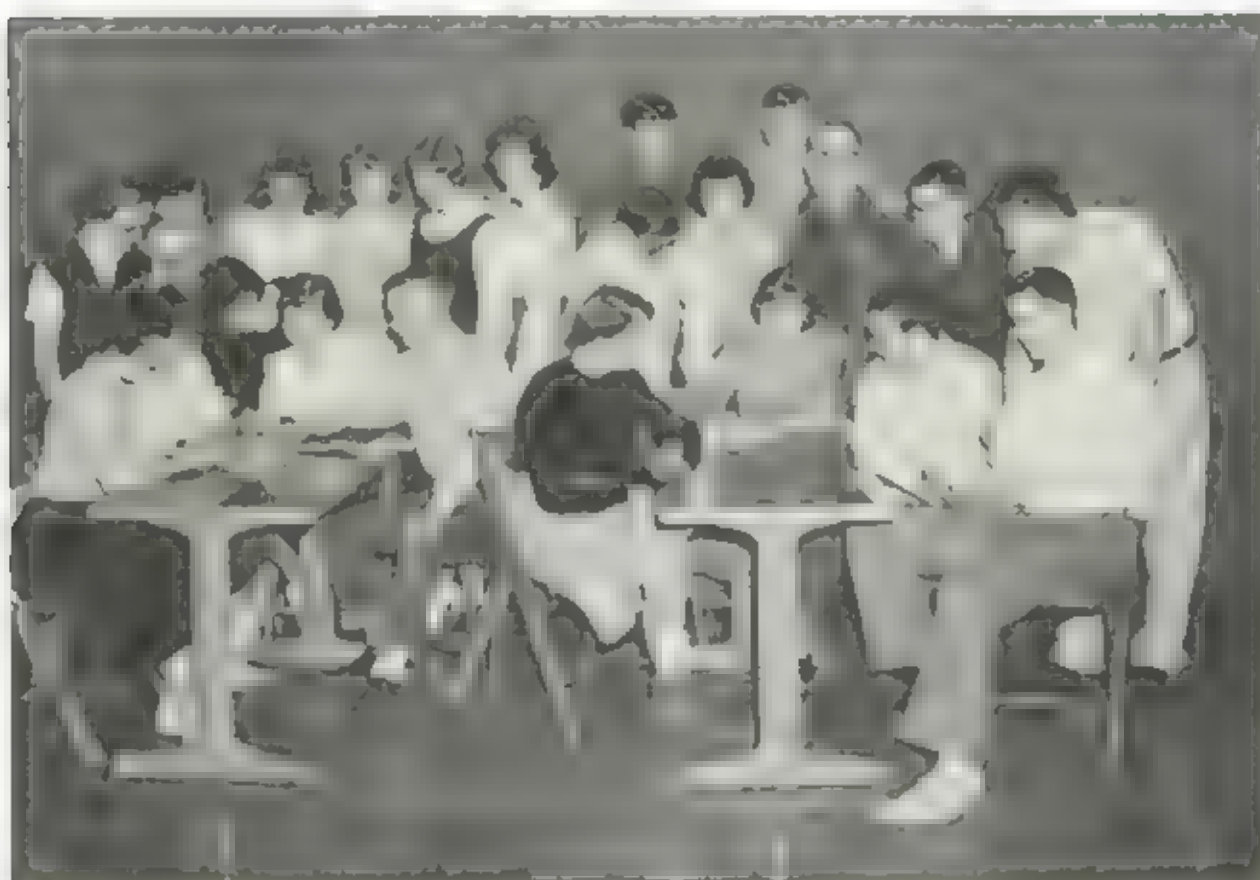
Shirlee Fronk
Senior Attendant



The Coronation of the Queen--The colorful parade--The tense expectation of the game--And the annual Homecoming dance capped an exciting Homecoming.



The Smoke Signal Staff consists of twenty-one members, headed by editor, Dick McAninch and Business Manager, Myrna Morgan. The faculty-advisor again this year is Mrs. Mary Dixon. They have tried to keep the students and the town well-informed on the school news.



SMOKE SIGNALS STAFF

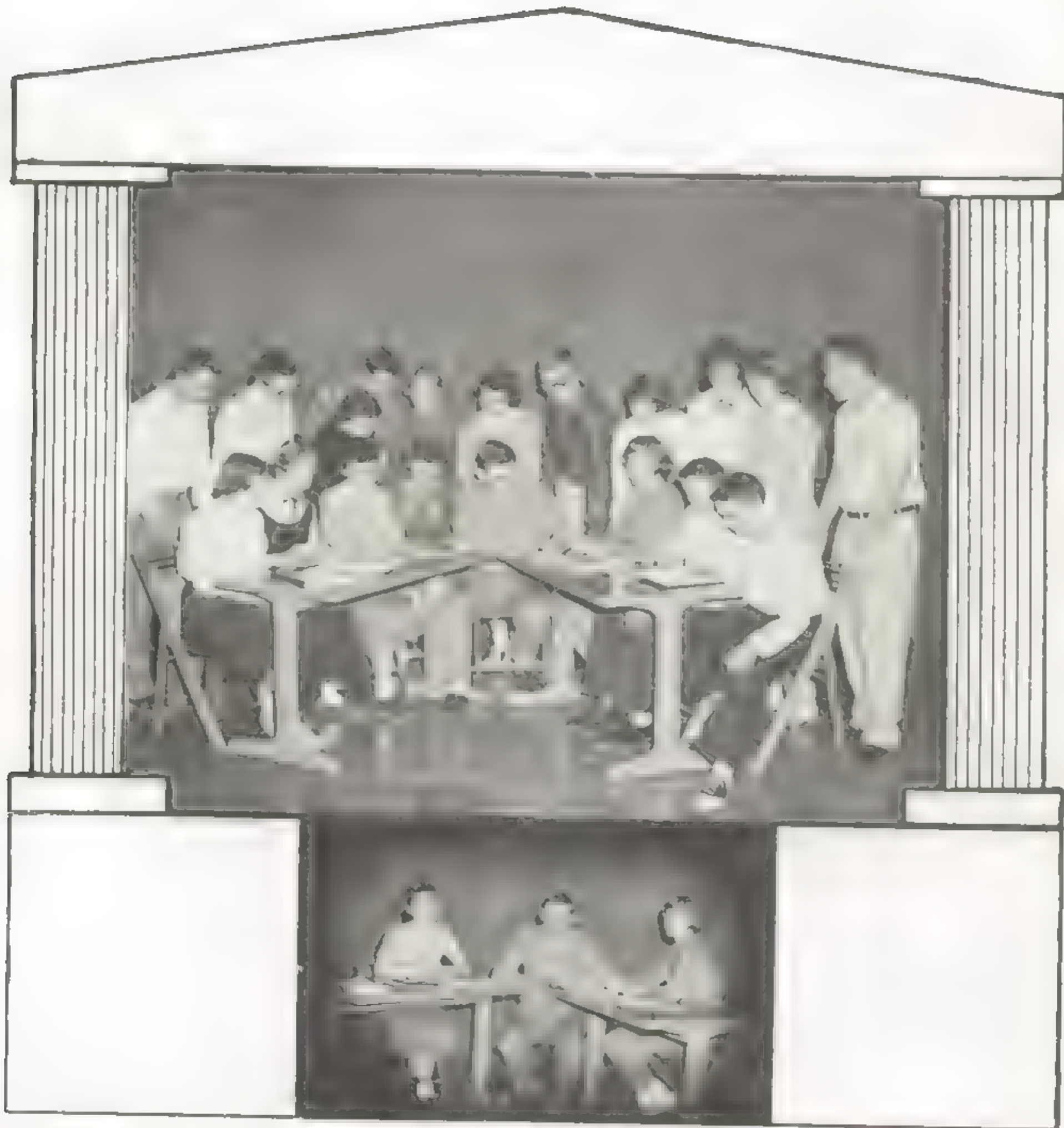
SEATED: Charlene Smith, Susie Sylvester, Sylvia Young, Jerry Jones, Janice Hartoog, Judy Webb, Dick McAninch, Garry Reddel. STANDING: Gordie Kelly, Diane Hansen, Sandra Ohlson, Linda Halquist, Dorothy Jeck, Mary Ann Sigler, Mickey Thelan, Cameron Arnold, Sue Anderson, Walter Barbee, Harry Mahannah, Jack Moore, Jim Gustavson.



SMOKE SIGNALS "ON THE AIR"

Every Thursday, these four students participate in broadcasting the high school news to the people of Dickinson County.

LEFT TO RIGHT ARE: Jerry Jones, Susie Sylvester, Dorothy Jeck and Jack Moore.



ROW ONE: Susanne Sylvester, Dorothy Jeck, Dorothy Shelledy, Sharie O'Hara, John Kennedy, Judy Webb, Don Reddel, Jim Kennedy. ROW TWO: Bob Ashmore, Jim Heick, Dick DeRousse, Diane Ogerby, Marilyn Anderson, Harry Mahannah, Penny Orr, Mary Ann Sigler, Linda Halquist, Jim Gustavson.

The officers of the Student Council are President, John Kennedy; Vice-President, Dorothy Shelledy; Secretary-Treasurer, Judy Webb.

The Student Advisory Council, established in 1951, has worked on many worthwhile projects during the year including Homecoming, Career Day, a Recreation Center, a high school employment bureau, and also sponsored a successful semi-formal dance, February 19.



Did you know that-----



Sitting it out



Dancing???

The main projects of the S. A. C. this year have been sponsoring the annual Career Day and an all-high school semi-formal dance. Career Day was an enlightening and helpful experience for all who attended. Students from all of Dickinson County received guidance in choosing a career.

Club 55 was one of the high points of the 54-'55 school year. The night club atmosphere of dim lights and fine music meant enjoyment for all.

Glenn Holmes, Speaker

Career Day audience





YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

A delightful comedy which concerns a not too normal family who do just what they want to do with no questions asked.

Martin Vanderhof, grandpa.	Harry Mahannah
Penelope Sycamore, Martin's daughter.	Janice Hartoog
Paul Sycamore, Penelope's husband.	Garry Reddel
Essie, Penelope's daughter.	Sharie O'Hara
Alice, Another daughter.	Charlene Smith
Rheba, negro maid.	Judy Vint
Mr. DePinna, the iceman.	Dick Gamble
Ed, Essie's husband.	Ed Elkin
Donald, Rheba's boyfriend.	Pat Donahue
Tony, Alice's boyfriend.	Charles Lusher
Mr. Kirby, Tony's father.	Joe Christensen
Mrs. Kirby, Tony's mother.	Dorothy Jeck
Henderson, Internal Revenue Man.	Ronnie Ladegaard
Boris Kolenkov, dance teacher.	Dick DeRouse
Gay Wellington, an actress.	Ruth Babcock
Olga, Grand Duchess.	Myrna Morgan
Three Men.	Bob Currier
	Art Caskey
	Mickey Graeber



ROW ONE: Dorothy Shelledy, Judy Webb, Jerry Jones, Myrna Morgan, Marilyn Anderson, John Kennedy, ROW TWO: Jim Kennedy, Cameron Arnold, Barry Maxson, Walter Barbee, Sylvia Young, Mary Ann Sigler, Sharie O'Hara, Ilene Johnson, Harry Mahannah, Dick McAninch, Garry Reddel, Jim Gustavson.

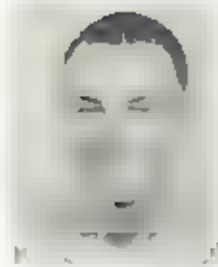
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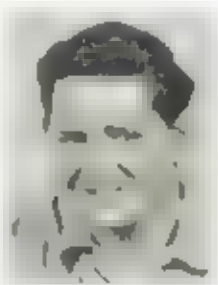
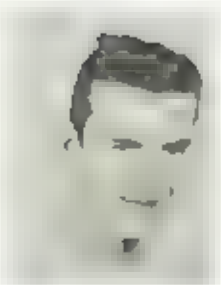
Jerry Jones, Art Editor; Myrna Morgan, Editor-in-chief; Marilyn Anderson, Assistant Editor; John Kennedy, Business Manager.



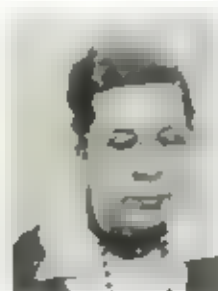
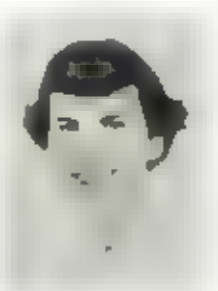
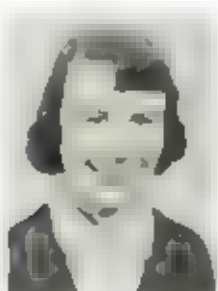
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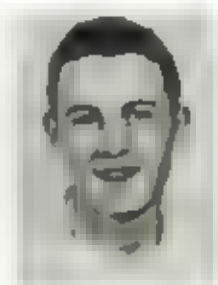
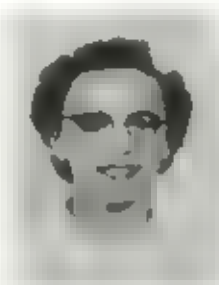
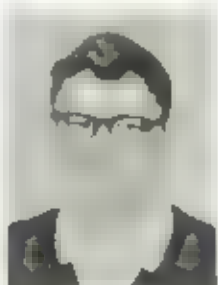
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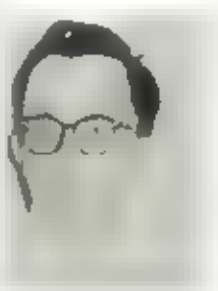
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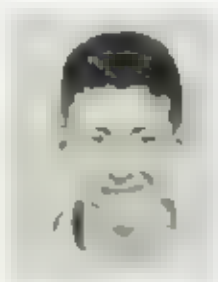
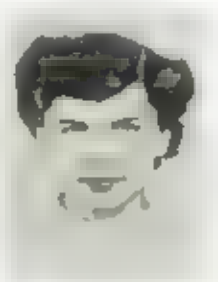
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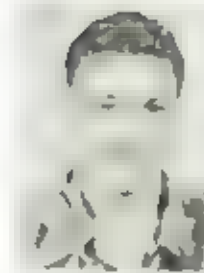
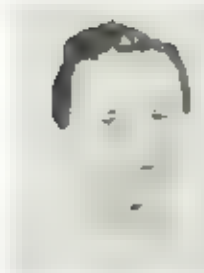
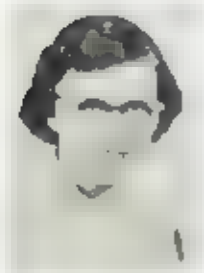
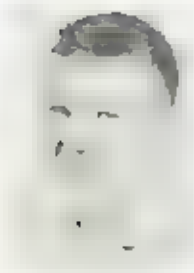
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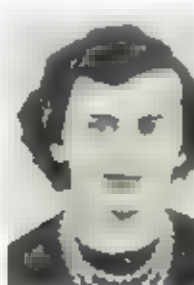
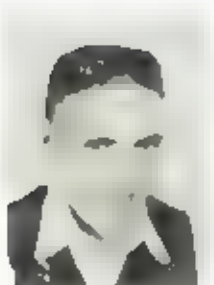
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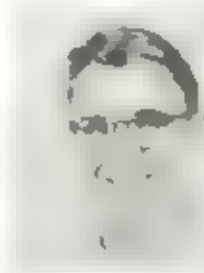
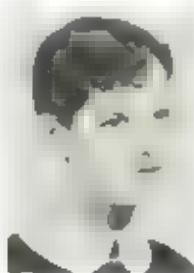
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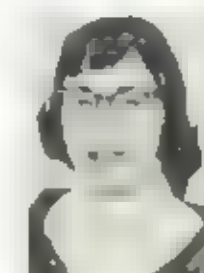
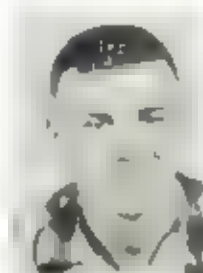
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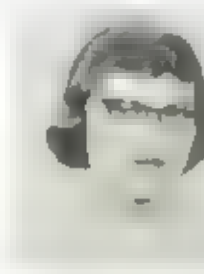
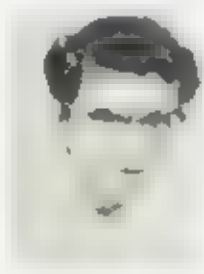
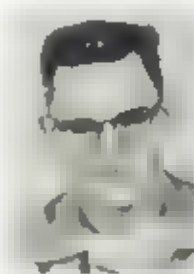
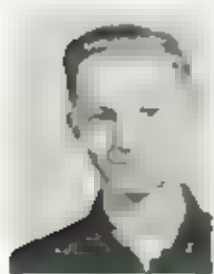
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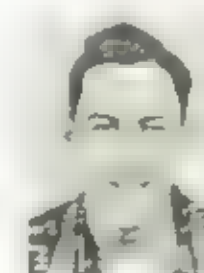
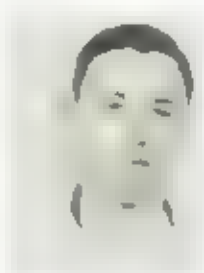
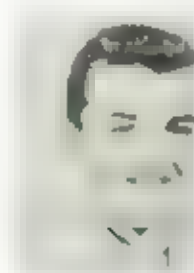
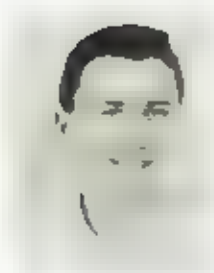
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Bryce Redington, Ardell Rodenberg, Jim Rumbaugh, Gloria Schomaker, Karen Schumacher, Marv Ann Sigler,



David Swanson, Terry Terril, Judy Vint, Sandra Weaver, Judy Weik, Dick Welty,



Ronnie Wyatt, Terry Yager, Jerry Young, Richard Zellaha, Nancy Johnston, Tom Edwards.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

Donnie Reddel, SAC Representative; Earl Parsons, Vice-President; Jim Rumbaugh, Sergeant at Arms; Mary Ann Sigler, President; Ardell Rodenberg, Secretary-Treasurer.



The inside story of history.

SOPHOMORES IN CLASS





SENIOR ATTENDANT -Charlene Smith, Jim Gustavson. JUNIOR ATTENDANT-Barbara Meyers, Bob Phelps. QUEEN-Linda Halquist, Terry Terril. FRESHMAN ATTENDANT-Marlene Hagedorn, Perry Bradshaw



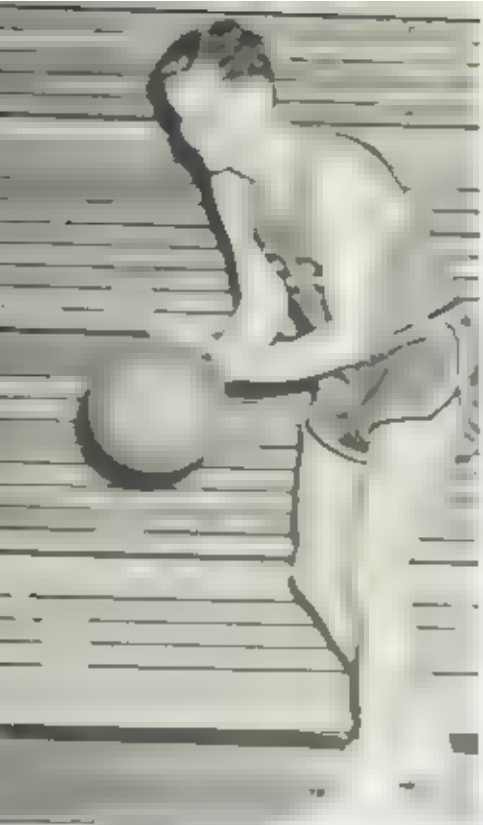
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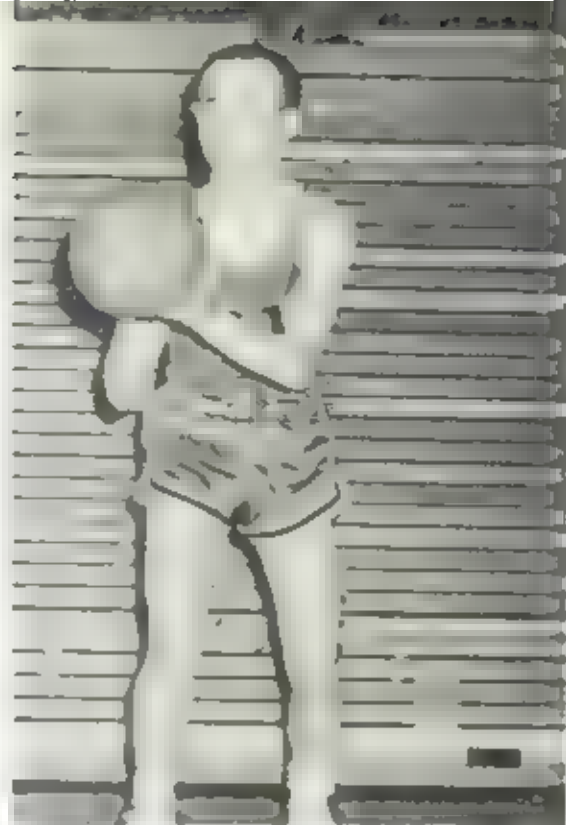


BASKETBALL QUEEN

The boys played their best--we crowned Linda Queen--and laughed and danced at our party.



John Kennedy



John Thomas



Dick Yarnes



Terry Dowd



Jack Moore



Lynn Hedges



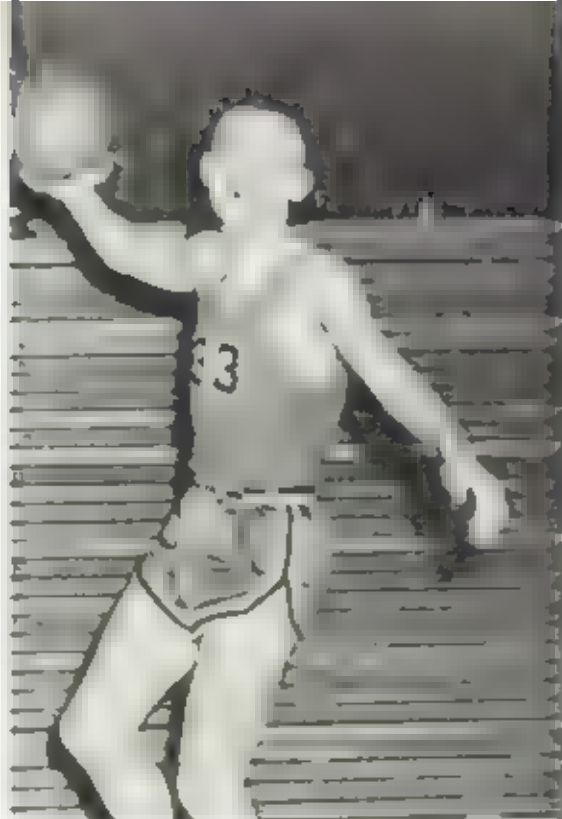
Mervyn Fronk

It was a long dismal season for the Indians this year, as they struggled against inconsistency and lack of height. They opened the season with a spectacular game against Estherville. This seemed to indicate that they had found themselves, but then continued in a losing streak, as it seemed that they lacked the necessary depth to play four quarters.

Late in the season, underclassmen who showed promise, were brought up to varsity, but failed to measure up because of lack of experience.



Harry Mahannah



Ivan Gustafson



Ronnie Wyatt

SCHEDULE

Milford
Sibley
Everly
Estherville
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Spencer
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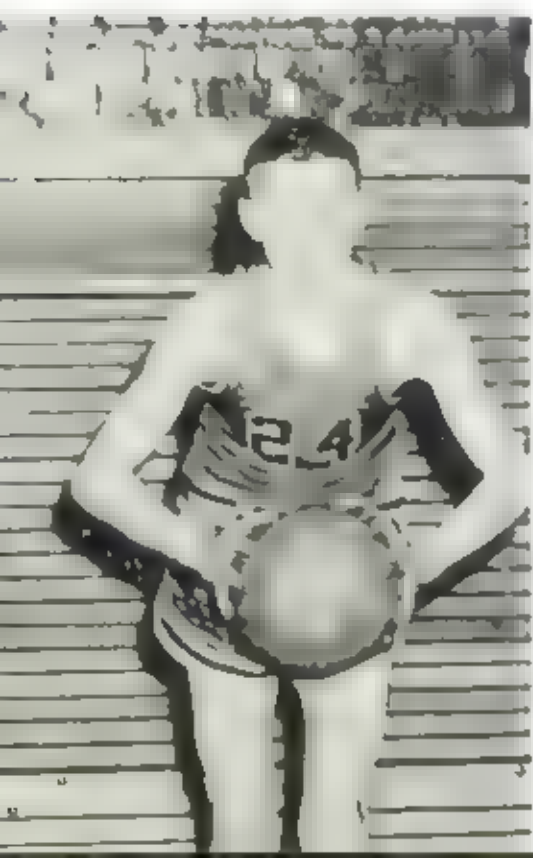
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Merrit Parsons

Don Reddel



Clarence Radtke



Garry Reddel





ROW ONE: Tom Ransford, Jack Norman, Larry Jones, Earl Parsons, Roger Paul, Dick Zellaha, Tom Edwards, Bill Baker, ROW TWO: Delmer Phillips, Jim Kennedy, Harlan Schmidt, Victor Jones, Keith Cozwell, David Ashmore, Jerrold Jensen, Jerry Vint, ROW THREE: Bob Phelps, Gary Fox, Jimmie Fries, Milo Armentrout, Vernon Whittier, Gary Worthington, Jack Oxenreider, Richard Bowen.

"B" SQUAD

The "B" squad showed tremendous desire and spirit winning eleven games and losing seven for a fine season. If they continue to develop in this manner they should promise great things next year.

RECORD

	WE	THEY
Sibley	41	60
Emmetsburg	60	51
Milford	59	46
Sibley	46	29
Everly	57	28
Estherville	48	47
Storm Lake	43	46
Spencer	34	49
Milford	65	40
Cherokee	55	64
Spencer	61	69
Sheldon	61	59
Emmetsburg	55	40
Estherville	67	55
Excelsior	46	58
Storm Lake	54	36
Cherokee	49	38
Sheldon	42	53

Jack Oxenreider



Richard Bowen





Carol Wyatt



Sharon Weaver



Diane Ogerby



Judy Webb

The cheerleaders, full of pep, no matter what the score, led the student body during football and basketball seasons in rooting for the Indians at the pep meetings and games.

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Patty Hillary, Ila Phillips, Jeanette Roggenburg, Charlene Smith.

LETTERMEN'S CLUB



ROW ONE: Tom Edwards, Jerry Vint, Don Reddel, Garry Reddel, Mervyn Fronk, Jerry Stover, Ed Arthur, Bill Lads, John Kennedy, John Thomas, Jim Gustavson, Bob Phelps, Lynn Hedges. ROW TWO: Jack Moore, Wayne Goodman, Earl Parsons, Dick McAninch, Dick Yarnes, Harry Mahannah, Clarence Radtke, Bob Albers, Ronnie Wyatt, Ivan Gustavson, Jim Avery, Tom Ransford, Merritt Parsons, Sponsor.

The purpose of the Lettermen's Club is to encourage more boys to participate in competitive sports and to improve the athletic department.

The officers for 1954-55 are President, Wayne Goodman; Vice President, Dick McAninch, Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Gustavson; Representative to the Student Council, Harry Mahannah.

A Sadie Hawkins Day party was held in the late spring. Initiation for new members was in May.

ONE-ACT PLAYS

MARY OF SCOTLAND

Mary Stewart	Dorothy Jeck
Page	Millicent Orr
Elizabeth York	Myrna Morgan



THE STORM

Jeff Mulkey	Jerry Jones
Mary	Charlene Smith
The Hunter	Dick Yarnes
The Woman	Alice Farr
The Girl	Marchetta Stilwell



POT LUCK

Rosemary Edwards	Dianne Ashmore
Tom Edwards	Ed Elkin
Mr. Hicks	Barry Maxson
Dr. Mitchell	Ronald Ladegaard
Mrs. Mitchell	Margaret Ehlbeck



G.R.A. AND MODERN DANCE



ROW ONE: Dorothy Shelledy, Susie Sylvester, Sylvia Young. ROW TWO: Charlene Smith, Myrna Morgan, Linda Halquist, Dorothy Jeck, Lois Armentrout, Jeanette Roggenburg, Judy Webb, Diane Osgerby, Alice Farr.



ROW ONE: Vivian Gatch, Betty Grobe, Pat Oliver, Bobbie Ferguson, Sandy Weaver, Barbara Fronk, Joann Bell. ROW TWO: Miss Klein, Judy Weik, Marilyn Rogers, Pat Hillary, Marilyn Anderson, Sue Post, Mary Ann Sigler. ROW THREE: Vera Wilson, Sharon Devitt, Sonia Olson, Gail Dickinson, Dorothy Jeck, Linda Halquist, Penny Orr.

The Modern Dance girls presented two successful recitals this year.



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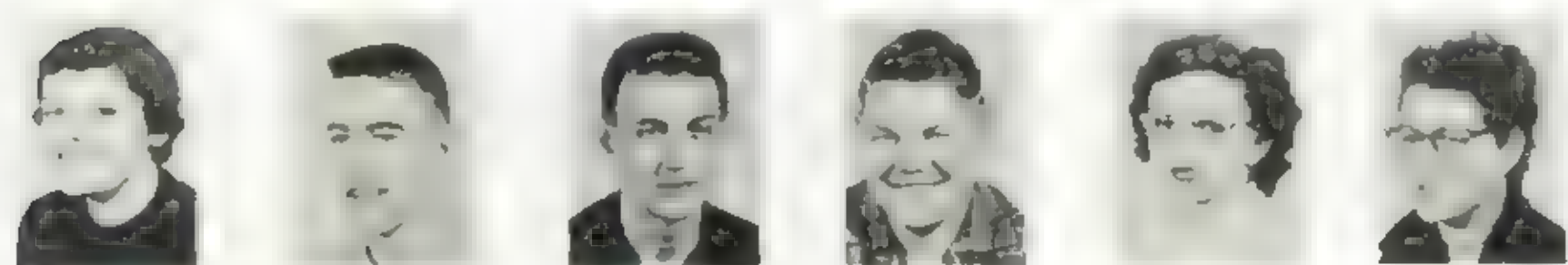
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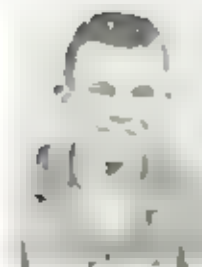
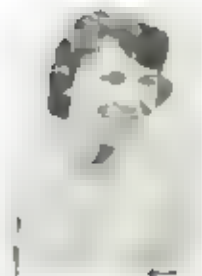
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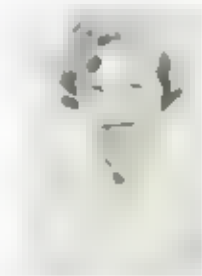
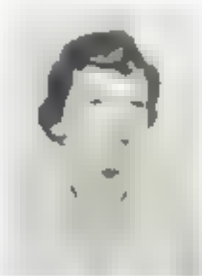
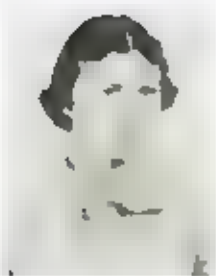
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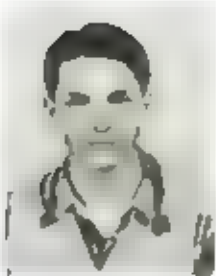
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Jack Moore, Bob Phelps, Delores Peiper, Marilyn Rogers, Roy Sangl, Mary Schmidt.



Luella Singer, Mary Lou Snider, Marchetta Stillwell, John Stunes, Merlin Tritle, John Williams.



Dick Yarnes, Roy Roberts

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Ellsworth Poe, Principal, Walter Barbee, Marilyn Anderson, Dick Gamble, Dorothy Jeck, Merlin Tritle, Dick Yarnes (James Heick, not pictured).



Dodie Jeck, Myrna Morgan, Charlene Smith.

The road to the state finals is a long and hard path. Spirit Lake had three contestants who received Division I ratings at the state finals in Ottumwa. Dodie Jeck and Myrna Morgan each received two Division I ratings as they participated in two events. This was the climax to an attempt to interest students in speech in Spirit Lake.

The students at the right represented the many students who were contestants in the home speech contest. Although not all were state finalists, they had a good record and gave Spirit Lake a swell representation wherever they went.



ROW ONE: Jim Avery, Charlene Smith, Mary Ann Sigler, Linda Halquist, Janice Hartoog, Sharie O'Hara, Diane Hansen, Goldie Kelly. ROW TWO: Walter Barbee, Merlin Tittle, Mary Ann Norgrant, Margaret Ehlbeck, Joe Christiansen, Mickey Thelen, Bob Phelps, Bryce Reddington, Dodie Jeck, Myrna Morgan, Susie Sylvester.



Although they failed to qualify in the State Speech Association Contest at Storm Lake, the debate team earned the right to compete in Forensic finals at Iowa City. They returned from Iowa City with a 5-7 record which represents a vast improvement over last year.

Dick DeRousse, Norma Jean Jacobson, Jeanette Roggenburg, Jim Gustavson.

A black and white photograph of a large group of people, likely a choir or a large ensemble, standing in front of a building. The group is arranged in several rows, with some individuals in the front row appearing to be seated or kneeling. The building behind them has a light-colored facade and a dark roofline. A prominent circular window is visible on the upper part of the building. The overall scene suggests a formal or organized gathering, possibly a performance or a group portrait.

Cheryl, Hollins, Ceiba Svalle, Judy Brann, Margaret Harrell, Connie Bush, Karen Bonn, Donna Jean Jones, Charlene Smith, Tom Edwards, Allen Graeber, Bonnie Peterson, Doris Dwyer, Wayne Hotchkiss, Patty Benoit, Betty Grobe, Linda Singer, Joan Mae Paine, Judith Ann Averett, Fred Stone, Melba Schepherds, Jerry Bell, Joel Lieb, Reine Clozen, Marion Rogers, Pat Hearn, Dennis Lee, Dick Yates, Robert Ward, Ken Siegel, Jim Averett, Nancy Canham, Lois Northley, David Hirschman, Catherine Arnold, Joe Work, Marlene Hughes, Kay Grobe, Dick Galbraith, Anna L. Scott, Colore Kelly, Philip Bousser, Ivan Gustavsen, Walter Barbee, Terry Yager, Mary Ann Siegel, Director, Kenneth Olson.

The concert band, directed by Lorimer Olson, displayed their fine interpretation and skill in the fall and spring concerts presented by the music department. They also provided entertainment at the annual county Career Day. For their performance at the State Music Contest they received a Division II rating. Our hats are off to this talented group.



PEP BAND

ROW ONE: K. Bohn, D. Jansen, C. Smith, G. Kelly, C. Bush, T. Edwards, ROW TWO: B. Ferguson, J. Meehlhause, J. Bell, M. Cracher, R. Gamble, I. Holdorff, K. Grobe, M. Hagedorn, ROW THREE: L. Northey, L. Singer, W. Hotchkiss, M. Tritle, D. Yarnes, B. Hays, ROW FOUR: C. Arnold, P. Houser, W. Barbee, J. Avery, P. Hickey, J. Lieb.

Our pep band, directed by Irma Holdorf, is a dependable and energetic group leading us through many pep meetings and ball games. No matter what the score, they keep the spirit high.

Our faithful twirlers appeared leading the band at every home football game this season. The temperature might have been sub-normal but their performance was always up to par.

Penny Orr; Judy Weik; Dorothy Jeck; Drum Major, Dick Yarnes; Assistant Drum Major, Sylvia Young; Gail Dickinson; Sharon Kinniston.

MAJORETTES



MIXED CHORUS



ROW ONE: D. Stelledy, D. Bak, S. Sylvester, J. Brant, E. Barnard, K. Bahn, M. Rose, P. Barnard, D. Haise, A. Roegerberg, K. Schenacker, D. Davis, S. Frank, I. Phillips, Director James Gentry. ROW TWO: S. O'Hara, M. Sager, B. Meyers, S. Kingston, D. Ashmore, B. Frank, S. Weaver, B. Reardon, J. Lieb, M. Morgan, J. DeFet, P. Kenny, S. Post, B. Ferguson, F. Canty, C. Houckins. ROW THREE: J. Webb, J. Roegerberg, J. Asorge, I. Hestonist, C. Swee, P. Hillary, D. Garbhe, B. Phelps, W. Barbee, H. Mahannah, P. Houser, J. Tarr, G. Kell, J. Bell, J. McCullause, J. Hutchinson, S. Bruns, M. Hagedorn. ROW FOUR: J. Webb, S. Olson, G. Dickson, M. Graccer, J. Barker, J. Maytum, T. Yager, J. Avery, B. Baker, B. Carrier, M. Tittle, C. Radtke, A. Casrey, C. Arnold, B. Barry, D. Deroesse, L. Van Houten, C. Gilbert, P. Orr, L. Northey, C. Bush.

Under the direction of Mr. James Gentry, the mixed chorus presented heavenly, inspiring music as well as "fun songs".

They performed in a spring and fall concert, the traditional Christmas Cantata, and attended the music festival at Terril. The mixed chorus received a Division II rating at the State Music Contest.



MIXED DOUBLE QUARTET

Pictured above is the Mixed Double Quartet which received a Division I rating. Students participating are: Back row: Terry Yager, Bryce Redington, Merlin Tritle, Bob Phelps; Front row: Pearl Beauman, Doris Dyson, Martha Rose, Karen Bohn.

Pictured at the right is Merlin Tritle, who received a Division I rating for his baritone solo. Although not pictured, Bryce Redington also received a Division I rating for his piano solo.

As usual Spirit Lake had many contestants at the music contest which was held at Perry. Of the many contestants entered Spirit Lake received three Division II ratings were received by Spirit Lake students. It was pointed out by the judges that a Division II rating was harder to obtain than it had been in recent years, consequently a Division II rating had quite a little meaning.



MERLIN TRITLE

ARION AWARDS



Shown at the left is Rotary President, Bob Burquist, presenting the vocal Arion Award to Myrna Morgan. Pictured at the far left is Irma Holdorf who received the instrumental Arion Award. These awards are presented each year to the outstanding student in each department and were presented to these girls on Award night.

F. F. A.



ROW ONE: B. Kannenberg, D. Gregerson, L. Bush, R. Barkhoff, V. Wittler, Lindsey. ROW TWO: J. Miller, P. Swanson, L. Kilts, B. Soat, D. Swanson, D. Phillips, G. Worthington, J. Heick, Advisor, Elwood Truman. ROW THREE: C. Lusher, V. Jones, E. Gilbert, H. Schmidt, S. Lloyd, M. Eads, J. Fries, B. Osborne. ROW FOUR: E. Arthur, B. Kimball, B. Eads, G. Hotchkiss, D. Hoffman, J. Blankenburg.

The F.F.A. has been one of the most active groups in high school this year. They attended conferences in and out of state, including the National Convention at Kansas City, the State Convention at Council Bluffs, and judging contests at Sioux City and Sioux Falls.

They also sponsored a very successful skating party in march.



F. F. A. OFFICERS

Don Lindsey, President; Bob Kannenberg, Vice-President; Jim Heick, Secretary; Larry Bush, Treasurer; Ed Arthur, Sentinel; Ronnie Barkhoff, Reporter, Elwood Truman, Advisor.



ROW ONE: Neil Colwell, Ray Baotm, Keith Colwell, Tom Ralston, Jack Norman, Jack Moore, Wayne Goodman, Terry Davis, John Thomas, Lee Kennedy, John Kennedy, Terry Yager, Ronnie Hagedorn. ROW TWO: Mr. Oxeater, Mr. Baker, Lee Avery, Terry Terril, Ivan Gustavson, Bill Fads, Ed Arthur, Bob Abers, Ronald Wyatt, Larry Jones, Earl Parsons, Roger Paul, Tom Christenson, Mr. Bowen.

1955 Track Squad

The track squad ran in some tough competition this year. Such meets as Holstein, Sac City, Worthington, and Pocahontas. Being a young team today had no real threats this year, but developed some fine prospects for the future years and show promise of a well-balanced team.

Senior Trackmen





SENIORS



BOB ALBERS
Lettermen's Club 4; Football 3,4; Track 4.

RUTH BABCOCK
G.R.A. 4; "You Can't Take It With You" 4; "I Remember Mama" 4.

LOIS ARMENTROUT
Treasurer of A. G. Club 2; G.R.A. Cabinet 4; A.G. Club 1,2; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Operetta "HMS Pinafore".

RONALD BARKHOFF
F.F.A. 2,3,4; F.F.A. Reporter 4; Stage Manager 4.



GWEN BEAUMAN
G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Annual 3.

ALL FOR

DARLENE BELKEN
A.G. 1,2; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; "Woman's Page Uncensored".

RONALD BOOTON
Treasurer 2; Vice-President 3; Mixed Chorus 4.

DARLENE BELL
G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; S.A.C. 3; A.G. 1,2,3.

PAT BRADSHAW
G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; A.G. 1,2; Vocal 2,3.





CHARLOTTE BURLEY
G.R.A. 1,2,3; A.G. 1.



ROGER CAAUWE



LARRY BUSH
Treasurer F.F.A. 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Football 2,3; Basketball 1,2; Track 1.



ART CASKEY
Football 1,2; Chorus 2,4; "You Can't Take It With You" 4; "I Remember Mama" 4.



FREEDA CASKEY
A.G. 1,2; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Vocal 1,2.

TOM CHRISTENSEN
Track 4.

DICK DEROUSSÉ
SAC, Representative 4; "HMS Pinafore" 2; "Creatures of Impulse" 1, Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Boys' Glee Club 2; "Shall We Join The Ladies" 1; "You Can't Take It With You" 4; Debate 3,4; Local Honor Society 3, "I Remember Mama" 4.

BOB CURRIER
Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 3; Vocal 1, 2,3,4; All-State Chorus 4; Operetta "HMS Pinafore" and "Creatures of Impulse"; "You Can't Take It With You" 4.

EDWARD ELKIN
Basketball 1,2; Football 3; Track 1,2; "You Can't Take It With You" 4; "Pot Luck" 4.





ALICE FARR

G.R.A. Representative 1; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Class Secretary 2,3,4; Annual 1; G.R.A. Cabinet 1,2,4; Glee Club 1,2; "HMS Pinafore" 1; "Life Story" 1

MERV FRONK

G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Smoke Signals 1,3; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; "HMS Pinafore"; Homecoming Attendant 3,4.

WAYNE GOODMAN

Lettermen's Club 3,4; Football 1,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Chorus 1,2; Radio Speaking 3.

President Lettermen's Club 4; FFA 1,2; Letterman's Club 3,4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,3.



JIM GUSTAVSON

Vice-President 1; President 4; Secretary Lettermen's Club 4; Smoke Signals 1,4; Annual 3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4; Football 1,2,4; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2; Debate 1,4; "The Late Christopher Columbus" 1; "Remember Mama" 4; Local Honor Society; boys' State

ONE FOR

DIANE HANSEN

G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Chorus 2,3,4; Dramatics 3,4

JAMES HARTOOG

G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; A.G. 1,2; Smoke Signals 3,4; "You Can't Take It With You" 3,4; Chorus 4.

SALLY HAYES

G.R.A. 4.

EMMA HOLLDOPE

G.R.A. 3,4; Band 3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3; Sax Quartet 4; Pep Band Director 4; All State Band 4.





GAYLE HOTCHKILL

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Track 1; Basketball 2.

ILLENE JOHNSON

G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; G.R.A. Cabinet 3; A.G. 1,2; Vocal 1,2; Smoke Signals 3; Annual 4; "I Remember Mama" 4

NORMA JEAN JACOBSON

G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Debate 4.

JERRY JONES

Class Officer 1; Student Council 1; Photography Club 2; Smoke Signals 3,4; Smoke Signals "On Air" 4; Annual 4; "The Perfect Idiot" 3; "The Storm" 4.

ALL

GOLDIE KELLY

G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; A.G. 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Band Staff; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Speech Contest 4; Smoke Signals 4.



JOHN KENNEDY

Class Officer 2; Student Council 2,3,4; Student Council President 3,4; Photography Club 2; Annual 3,4; Letterman's Club 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Golf 3,4; Local Honor Society.

CHARLES LUSHER

F.F.A. 3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3; "Creatures of Impulse" 1; "HMS Pinafore" 2; "Antic Spring" 2; "You Can't Take It With You" 4; "I Remember Mama" 4.

LAVONA LLOYD

G.R.A. 1,2,3,4.

HARRY MAHANNAH

S.A.C. 2,3,4; Lettermen's Club 2,3,4; Smoke Signals 4; Annual 4; Football 1,2; Basketball 1,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Chorus 1,2,3,4; "HMS Pinafore" 2; "Late Christopher Bean" 2; "Antic Spring" 2; "You Can't Take It With You" 4; "I Remember Mama" 4; Boys State 3; Local Honor Society 3.





DICK McANINCH

Class Secretary 1; Class Sgt. At Arms 4; Vice-President Lettermen's Club 4; Editor of Smoke Signals 4; Lettermen's Club 3,4; Annual 4; Football 1, Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3.



CARLYLE McCLURG

Football 2; Camera Club 2; Alternate for Boys' State.



DOLORES McCANN

G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; A.G. 1,2.



GERALDINE MERTENS

A.G. 1; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4.



MYRNA MORGAN

Annual Editor 4; Smoke Signals 2,3,4; Assistant Annual Editor 3; S.A.C. 3; G.R.A. Cabinet "The Pink Dress" 2; "H.M.S. Pinafore" 2; "You Can't Take It With You" 4; "Mary, Queen of Scots" 4; Local Honor Society 3.

UNITED WE

MARY ANN NORGRANT

A.G. 1,2; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus.

SANDRA OHLSON

A.G. 1,2,3; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Smoke Signals 4.

SHARILYN O'HARA

S.A.C. 4; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Modern Dance 1,2,3; Annual 2,4; Majorette 4; Vocal 1,2,3,4; "HMS Pinafore" 2; "Antic Spring" 2; "You Can't Take It With You" 4; "I Remember Mama" 4.

BOB OSBORNE

F.F.A. Reporter 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Basketball Manager 3; Football 2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; S.A.C. 4.





ILA PHILLIPS

A.G. 1,2; Treasurer A.G. 1; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; 11 Team Cheerleader 4.



GARRY REDDEL

Lettermen's Club 3,4; Smoke Signals 3,4; Annual 4; Basketball 2,3,4; "You Can't Take It With You" 4.



CLARENCE RADTKE

Basketball 3,4; Football 3,4; Mixed Chorus 3,4.

OLIVE REID

G.R.A. 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 3.



STAND

JEANETTE ROGGENBURG

G.R.A. President 3; G.R.A. Volleyball Chairman 4; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls Glee Club 3,4; Madrigal 3; Solo 3; Debate 4; Humorous Reading Contest 3; 11 Team Cheerleader 4.



DOROTHY SHELEDY

Class Representative 1; Class President 3; S.A.C. Vice-President 4; G.R.A. Vice-President 4; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; S.A.C. 1,3,4; Annual 4; Local Honor Society 3; Vocal 1,2,3,4; Girls State 3; Cheerleader 1,2; Homecoming Attendant 1; Basketball Queen 3; "I Remember Mama" 4; "H.M.S. Pinafore" 2.

CHARLENE SMITH

Class Vice President 1; Class Treasurer 4; Band Staff 4; G. R. A. Cabinet 3,4; Band 2,3,4; "Seventeenth Summer" 1; "You Can't Take It With You" 4; "The Storm" 4; "I Remember Mama" 4; Smoke Signals 3,4; Cheerleader 4; Football Homecoming Attendant 2; Basketball Homecoming Attendant 4; Speech Contest 3,4.

JERRY STOVER

Lettermen's Club 3,4; F.F.A. 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.

SUSANNE SYLVESTER

G.R.A. Cabinet 3,4; S.A.C. 4; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Modern Dance 1,2,3; Girls Glee Club 1,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; "H.M.S. Pinafore" 2; "Antic Spring" 2; "Seventeenth Summer" 1; Speech Contest 3,4; Smoke Signals 3,4; Smoke Signals "On the Air" 4; Speech Contest 3,4; Local Honor Society 3.





MICKEY THELEN
Smoke Signals 4.



JOHN THOMAS
Class Treasurer 3, Class Vice-President 4, Lettermen's Club 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Golf 3,4; Track 4; Local Honor Society 3; Boys State 3; President Driver's Club.

JERRY VINT
Lettermen's Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3; Basketball 2; Football Manager 4; Basketball Manager 4.

DIVIDED WE FALL



JUDY WEBB
S.A.C. 2,3,4; S.A.C. Secretary-Treasurer 3,4; Class Vice-President 1; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; G.R.A. Cabinet 2,3,4; Smoke Signals 2,3,4; Annual 3,4; Modern Dance 2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; "Creatures of Impulse" 1; "HMS Pinafore" 2; Basketball Queen 2; 1st Team Cheerleader 3,4; Local Honor Society 3.

SYLVIA YOUNG
G.R.A. Secretary-Treasurer 4; Band Staff 4; G.R.A. 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Smoke Signals 1,2,3,4; Modern Dance 2; Chorus 1,2,3,4; "HMS Pinafore" 2; Majorette 1,2,3,4; Assistant Drum Major 4.



NATIONAL

HONOR



SOCIETY

Dick DeRousse, Charlene Smith, Dorothy Shelledy, John Kennedy, Harry Mahannah, John Thomas, Jim Gustavson, Ila Phillips.

CLASS



OFFICERS

ROW ONE: Charlene Smith, Treasurer; Jim Gustavson, President; Alice Farr, Secretary. ROW TWO: John Thomas, Vice-President; Dick DeRousse, SAC Representative; Dick McAninch, Sgt. at Arms.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM



On Saturday, May 25, the junior class invited their guests, the '55 seniors, faculty, and school board members to join them on an exciting trip to "Spring-time in Paris". We all enjoyed a delicious meal served by members of the sophomore class.

Speakers at the banquet were: Lynn Hedges, Master of Ceremonies; Dorothy Jeck, Junior Class President; Gay Orr, Superintendent; and Milo Chozen, School Board President. After the banquet we all went to the gymnasium for an evening of dancing to the music of the Spencer High School Dance Band.

The gym was decorated in a beautiful Paris scene. The eiffel tower was in the center; and around the sides of the room were authentic sidewalk cafes. Later in the evening we enjoyed a fine floor show which also corresponded with the Paris theme. The class of '56 gave us an evening of pleasure and entertainment which we will long remember.

SENIOR MAY BREAKFAST



Look out, boys



I was here first, kid



Huh?



Go, Go, Go

Where's the coffee pot? Who took my plate? Why didn't you stop and get me? Those and many more exclamations were heard at the senior breakfast held at Gull Point, May 23 at 6:00 A.M.

Despite the confusion we all had a wonderful time. While we ate pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee we were entertained by Norma Jean Jacobson and Roger Caauwe playing the piano.

CLASS DAY AND HONORS



John Thomas
Citizenship Award



Jim Gustavson
Valedictorian



Harry Mahannah
Salutatorian

The seniors entertained the school with their annual class day activities on Tuesday morning, May 23.

As an opening the seniors sang "Dear Old Spirit Lake" followed by the welcome from Senior President, Jim Gustavson.

The program consisted of readings of the class history, will, and prophecy, presentation of SAC officers, passing on of the peace pipe, plus several musical selections which included a very appropriate closing solo, "Perfect Day", sung by Reverend B. J. Swede.

The newly instigated honor night was to climax to the busy day activities. Awards were presented in speech work, athletics, cheerleading, and for work on the year book.

The Arion award in the instrumental group was earned by Irma Holdorf, in vocal to Myrna Morgan.

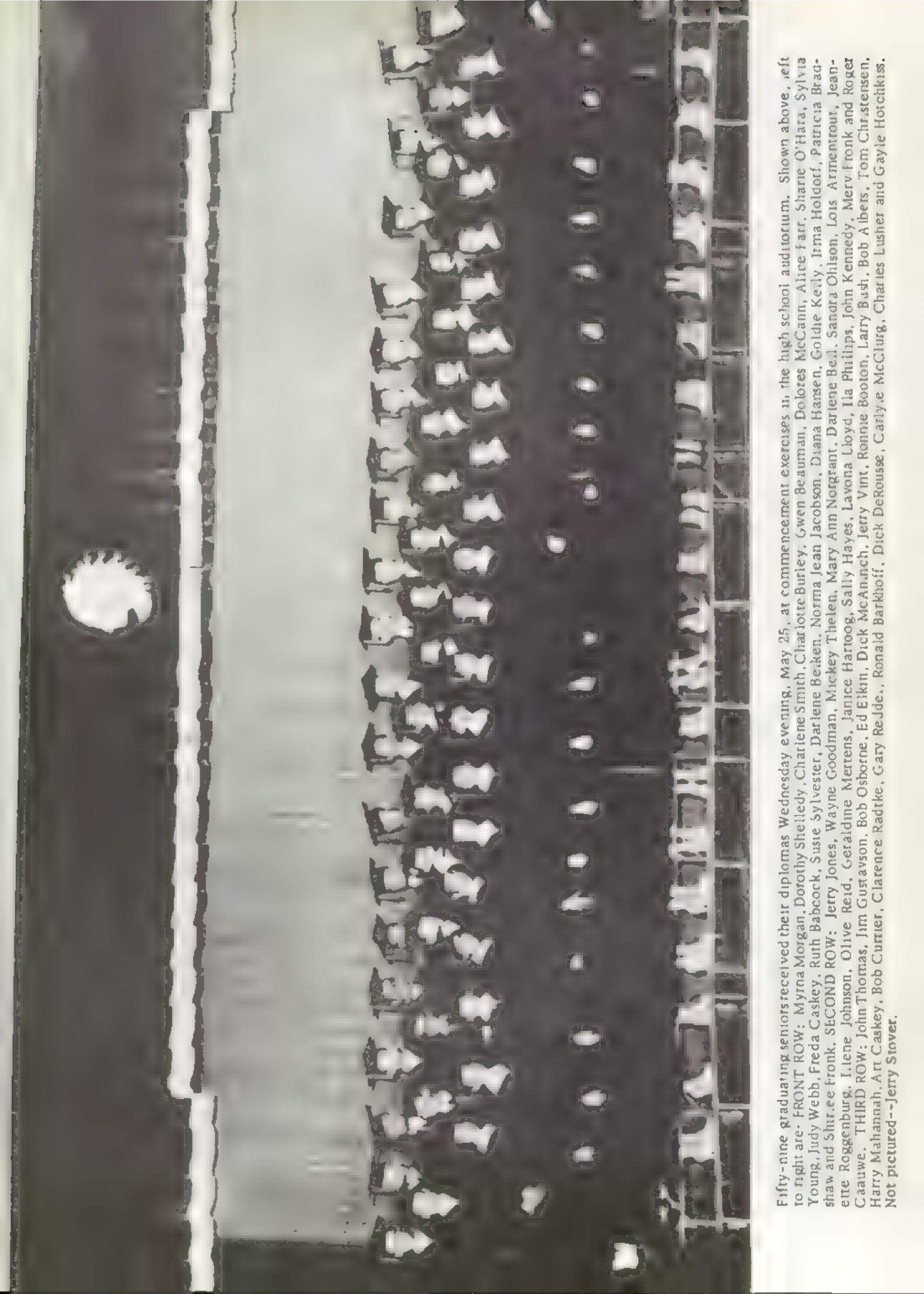
Bob Osborne was given the DeKalb Agriculture Achievement Award.

Ten of our bus drivers received awards for safe driving.

The National Honor Society gained eight new members and seven were named to the Local Honor Society.

The Citizenship award was presented to John Thomas.

Our Valedictorian is Jim Gustavson; and Salutatorian, Harry Mahannah.



Fifty-nine graduating seniors received their diplomas Wednesday evening, May 25, at commencement exercises in the high school auditorium. Shown above, left to right are: FRONT ROW: Myrna Morgan, Dorothy Shelledy, Charlene Smith, Charlotte Burley, Gwen Beauman, Dolores McCann, Alice Farr, Sharnie O'Hara, Sylvia Young, Judy Webb, Freda Caskey, Ruth Babcock, Susie Sylvester, Darlene Beiken, Norma Jean Jacobson, Diana Hansen, Goldie Kelly, Irma Holdorf, Patricia Bradshaw and Shirlee Fronk. SECOND ROW: Jerry Jones, Wayne Goodman, Mickey Thelen, Mary Ann Norgrant, Darlene Bell, Sandra Ohlson, Lois Armentrout, Jeanette Roggenburg, Irene Johnson, Olive Reid, Geraldine Mertens, Janice Hartoog, Sally Hayes, Lavona Lloyd, Ila Phillips, John Kennedy, Merv Fronk and Roger Caauwe. THIRD ROW: John Thomas, Jim Gustavson, Bob Osborne, Ed Elkin, Dick McAninch, Jerry Vint, Ronnie Booton, Larry Bush, Bob Albers, Tom Christensen, Harry Mahannah, Art Caskey, Bob Currier, Clarence Radtke, Gary Redder, Ronald Barkhoff, Dick DeRousse, Carlye McClurg, Charles Lusher and Gayle Hotchkiss. Not pictured--Jerry Stover.

I REMEMBER MAMA

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

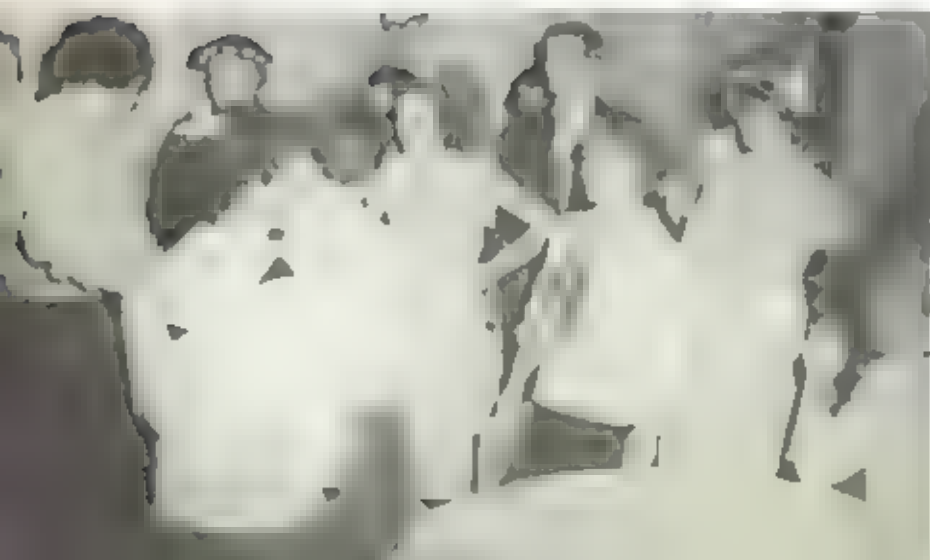
DIRECTED BY MRS. DIXON



On May 18, those who attended the senior class play viewed a few of the heart-warming experiences of a simple Norweigan family through the eyes of their eldest daughter, Katrin.

CAST

Katrin	Charlene Smith
Mama	Janice Hartoog
Papa	Jim Gustavson
Dagmar	Dorothy Shelledy
Christine	Darlene Belken
Mr. Hyde	Dick DeRousse
Nels	Mickey Thelen
Aunt Trina	Ruth Babcock
Aunt Sigrid	Sharie O'Hara
Aunt Jenny	Susanne Sylvester
Uncle Chris	Harry Mahannah
A Woman	Lois Armentrout
Mr. Thorkelson	Charles Lusher
Dr. Johnson	Gary Reddel
Arne	Randy Stephenson
A Nurse	Gwen Beauman
Soda Clerk	Tom Christensen
Madeline	Judy Webb
Dorothy	Illene Johnson
Florence Moorhead	Irma Holdorf
Bell-boy	Art Caskey





Guiding words to Seniors by Reverend Wittstruck of the Methodist Church. We will long remember his helpful advice in building our plans for the future.



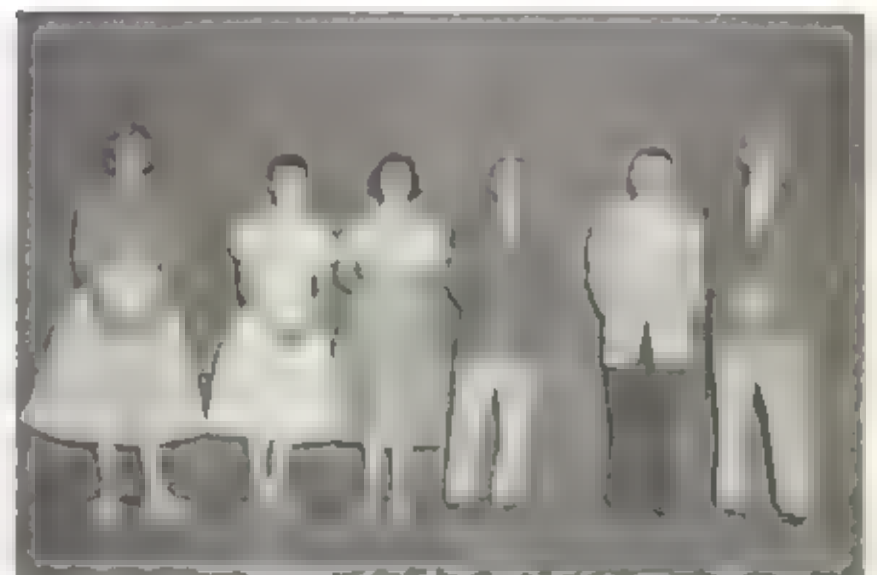
"And to the senior class of '56 we offer this peace pipe".

The peace pipe, a token of friendliness and good will presented to Dorothy Jeck president of this year's junior class, by the senior president, Jim Gustavson.

From this year's Indian Echoes Staff six members were chosen to lay out the book and complete all assignments.

As merits of award, Miss Hulterson gave each member a gold yearbook pin.

Judy Webb, Dorothy Shelledy, Myrna Morgan, John Kennedy, Jim Gustavson, Harry Mahannah.





The paper, books and pencils are tucked away now and the old bell has summoned the Class of '55 for the last time.

Footsteps still echo through the halls and memories of these past years in SLHS linger; brilliant for awhile yet fading as time passes.

The door of education is flung wide once again, yet this time a new class will ascend and with them go our wishes for success, honor, and happiness, such as those that we have had.





